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	Examiner Michael D Masinick	Art Unit 2125	

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 03 December 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-28 and 43-45 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-28, 43-45 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

Applicant's amendments and arguments have made all previous rejections moot and they have been removed. Examiner still feels that the claims as written are confusing and vague and could be interpreted in many different ways. Thus, the autoCAD references as previously applied can still read on the claims.

In response to this office action, examiner would appreciate a more explicit argument regarding the differences between the abilities of autoCAD and the current application. Applicant has stated only that autoCAD does not suggest certain features, however, nothing has been shown as evidence that the cited portions of the references used do not show those features.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

1. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

2. Claim 14 recites the limitation "set by the attribution allocation plane setting means".

There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim as it was edited to remove the declaration of the attribution allocation plane setting means.

3. The term "pasted" used throughout the claims is not found in the specification and the examiner does not fully understand the meaning of this term in relation to the claims as written. This term should be changed to avoid a new matter situation and further clarify the invention.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 14-18, 21-25, 28, 43-45 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by “AutoCAD 2000 – 3D Modeling, a Visual Approach” by John Wilson.

3. Referring to claim 14, 21, 28-36, Wilson shows an information processing apparatus comprising: display control means for controlling the display of a 3D model and the virtual plane in the same virtual 3D space from a view point on a visual line which is different from the normal line of the virtual plane (Figure 6-17), the virtual plane on which attribution information including at least one of dimensions and dimensional tolerance on a 3D model is pasted being set by the attribution allocation plane setting means (Page 461); and changing means for changing direction of the visual line in response to selecting the displayed virtual plane on the virtual 3D space so that the normal line of the displayed virtual plane may coincide with the virtual line (Pages 476 and 477).

4. Referring to claims 15, 16, 22, and 23, Wilson shows attribution information allocation means for allocating said attribution information in the normal direction of a virtual plane set by said attribution allocation plane setting means. Examiner notes that this means “using a layer” and assigning attributes to a specific layer. This is well known in as an AutoCAD function.

5. Referring to claims 17 and 24, Wilson shows display method setting means for setting at least one of a display information set, a display magnification, a display center and a display

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direction (Figure 6.18), storage means for storing, on said virtual plane set by said attribution allocation plane setting means, said display method information set by said display method setting means ("Dimensions in model space" paragraph on the page following page 459).

6. Referring to claims 18 and 25, Wilson shows holding means for holding, together with said 3D model, said virtual plane set by said attribution allocation plane setting means and said display method information set by said display method setting means. Examiner notes that this means "using a layer" and assigning attributes to a specific layer. This is well known in as an AutoCAD function. Examiner also notes the language of this claim is confusing and may be misinterpreted.

7. Referring to claims 43-45, Wilson shows attribution allocation plane selecting means for selecting a position of a virtual plane ("viewport", page 478), the virtual plane being displayed with a 3D model in the same virtual 3D space; and pasting means for pasting attribution information including at least one of dimensions and dimensional tolerance of the 3D model on the virtual plane in response to designating input of attribution information (figure 6-18 and page 461).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

8. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

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9. Claims 19, 20, 26, and 27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over “AutoCAD 2000 – 3D Modeling, a Visual Approach” by John Wilson as shown above and further in view of “AutoCAD 2000: The complete reference” by David Cohn.

10. Referring to claims 19 and 26, Wilson does not specifically show attribution information size setting means for, based on said display magnification for said display method information set by said display method setting means, setting the size of said attribution information base.

11. Cohn shows attribution information size setting means for, based on said display magnification for said display method information set by said display method setting means, setting the size of said attribution information base (Examiner notes that this is an inherent feature to any graphics program. When you zoom in, the features get bigger.).

12. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill at the time the invention was made to use the basic AutoCAD information as shown in Cohn in the 3D modeling of Wilson because the parts shown in Cohn are simply pieces of the software of Wilson that are of such basic skill level that they are not shown in the reference. Examiners notes that all pieces of the Cohn reference are also found in the Wilson reference because it is the very same software program.

13. Examiner also notes that all claim limitations of claim 19 are moot because the “display magnification” limitation of claim 17 may not be selected.

14. Referring to claim 20 and 27, Cohn shows a display coordinate axis setting means for setting the horizontal or perpendicular direction on a display; and display means for displaying said 3D model or said attribution information based on information set by said display coordinate

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axis setting means (Figure 19.1).

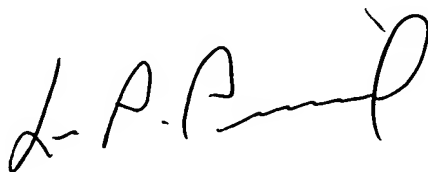
Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael D Masinick whose telephone number is (571) 272-3746. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri, 7:30-4:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Leo Picard can be reached on (571) 272-3749. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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